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POWER REFORMS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those States with which the Union Government have madeagreements for power reforms and the time by which such agreements are likely to be made with other States;

(b) the salient features of this agreement;

(c) whether any campaign has been launched to create awareness among the common man in respect of power reforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Nineteen States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh,Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala,Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengalhave signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the Government of India forundertaking power sector reforms in a time bound manner. The State Governments commitment in these MoUs is in the following areas generally,

(i) metering of all 11 kv feeders and energy audit

(ii) 100% metering of consumers

(iii) Reduction of T&D losses with definite milestones

(iv) Development of Management Information System

(v) Achievement of commercial viability in distribution

(vi) Setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions and filing of tariff petitions

(vii) Payment of subsidies through budget.

Government of India has been assuring support and assistance to the State Governments on the following :

i. Provisions of additional power through :-

a. Allocation of additional power from Central Generating Stations
b. Development of new generating capacity through CPSUs
c. Support for enhancement of generating capacity in the State Sector

ii. Provision of necessary inter-State transmission lines and commitment to have PGCIL take up some identified intra-State lines.

iii. Provisions of additional financing by PFC in relaxation of standard requirements

iv. Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) : The Government of India have launched the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) with last year and current year outlay of Rs.1000 crores and Rs.1500 crores respectively. APDP financing is for projects relating to :

a. Renovation & Modernisation/Life Extension/Uprating of old power plants.
b. Upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network including energy accounting and metering.

(c) & (d) : Ministry of Power has launched a countrywide `Awareness Campaign`from 15th October, 2001. Nearly 2000 public interaction/road shows are being held through out the country. These road shows interaction campaign are being conducted by senior officers of the Ministry of Power. Central Electricity Authority and Central PublicSector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Ministry of Power in different districts of the country for sharing with the citizens the plans for transformation of the power sector.